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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Shirley et al.
Appl. No.: 09/188,051
Filed: November 6, 1998
For: COMPOSITIONS PROVIDING FOR INCREASED IGF-I SOLUBILITY

Group Art Unit: 1654
Examiner Name: F. Moezie

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(5)**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-28.

Please add the following new claims:

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1. *n*29. A composition having a pH of at least about pH 5.5, wherein said composition comprises:
(a) biologically active insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-I) or biologically active analogue thereof having an amino acid sequence that shares at least 70% sequence identity with the amino acid sequence for human IGF-I, wherein said IGF-I or analogue thereof is present